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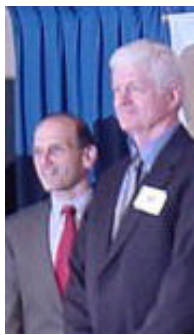
2005 Teacher of the Year

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David Moon of Westbrook Regional Vocational Center is one of eleven regional finalists for the 2005 Maine Teacher of the Year.

When David started at WRVC as an Electrical Instructor in 1973, he thought his only responsibility was to teach Electricity. He has come to realize that the subject matter, whether it is electricity or culinary arts, is a small part of what must be done to help students become successful in life. His classes go beyond the curriculum to focus on life lessons and respectful behavior. A former student notes that Mr. Moon's class was "a safe place to make a mistake".



Weekends, vacations and summers find David working as a self-employed electrical contractor. This allows him to stay current in the field and he finds that Saturday's work can become Monday's lesson plan. Former students often keep in touch with him after graduation and he has shared his business expertise with those wanting to go out on their own.

Not only is Mr. Moon a leader in the classroom, but he is active and effective in the school at large. He recently served as tri-chair for WRVC's accreditation renewal process with NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges). Dave kept committees on task, encouraged staff and administration and ensured that deadlines were met. When

"I teach because I still remember my own struggles as an adolescent."

WRVC moved into a new building, it was Dave who served as a liaison between the administration and staff to keep things moving in a positive direction.

Colleagues describe David as insightful, trustworthy, and very approachable.

He has served many as a mentor and advisor and his sense of humor is much appreciated. David "leads by example, with quiet perseverance" and has gained the respect and admiration of staff and administra-

tion. It has been said that "his stature in size is matched by his stature in clarity and trust".

Other regional finalists are: **Cindy Albert**

from Hilltop Elementary School in Caribou; **Christine Arsenault** from Monmouth Academy in Monmouth; **Sherri Gould** from Nokomis Regional High School in Newport; **Nancy Hutto** from Memorial Middle School in South Portland; **Brendan Murphy** from Carrabec High School in North Anson; **Kim Marie Oldenburgh** from Asa C. Adams Elementary School in Orono; **Dorothy Pribish** from Saco Middle School in Saco; **Lourdes Von Vogt** from Lincoln Academy in Newcas-

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Partnerships Abound at Skowhegan Regional Vocational Center

by Elaine Briggs

At Skowhegan Regional Vocational Center, partnerships and community involvement are major components of the learning experience.

Local businesses such as Cianbro Corporation gladly send guest speakers to the school; C.N.A. clinical site rotations take place at Redington-Fairview Hospital and at Woodlawn, Cedar Ridge and Sebec Valley Nursing



Care facilities. Cooperative Education students are placed with a variety of local employers ranging from a driving school to a general store to fast food eateries.

SRVC students assist the March of Dimes organization with various fundraisers. During November, they collected over 1300 items for the Food Cupboard in Skowhegan. Students also participated in the Christmas giving tree project to provide gifts for area families and collected coats

for kids.



Ryan Nickerson working on electrical wiring

The Food Service program caters many school banquets and provides food items for school and community group fundraising activities.

Building trades students put their skills to work at the Skowhegan Public Library setting up computer labs and installing new receptacles and lighting. Each year the carpentry program partners with KVCAP to build a modest home for a first-time homeowner.

Information System Technology students provided computer support for the All-State Music Auditions held in November. An ongoing project is refurbishing donated computers and distributing them to qualified students.

Health Care Careers students planned and conducted a blood drive for the American Red Cross.

Students taking Digital Graphic Arts produce the "School Talk" newsletter as well as yearbooks for Skowhegan Area High School and Margaret Chase Smith School.

Students in the Outdoor Resources program benefit from articulation agreements with Unity and Washington County Community Colleges.

SRVC students also participate in a



Inside of KVCAP house

raffle that raises money for scholarships and tool awards that are given out in June.

Director Ray Arbour tells students, "You are not here to get credits, a certificate or a diploma. You are here to add skills in your hands; attitude in your heart; and knowledge in your head."

I couldn't agree more.

Teacher of the Year

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tle; **Michael Weiss** from Yarmouth High School in Yar-

mouth; and **Thomas Wells** from Cony High School in Augusta.

"A desk is a dangerous place from which to view the world." - John Le Caré

Student Organizations

HOSA

April 1st and 2nd were busy days at the Samoset Resort in Rockport, Maine for approximately 175 members, advisors and judges of the Maine Chapter of Health Occupations Students of America.

The Spring Conference included written testing, event judging, business meetings and competitive skills events. The pool and hot tub, karaoke and dancing provided a respite from the stress of tests and competitions.

At Friday's general session, keynote speaker, **Louis Gervais**, shared an entertaining and educa-



tional story about Randy and how his fairy godmother helped him find his dream job.

The state fundraising raffle raised over \$350 for the Ronald McDonald House.

First place winners for National events are: Career Health Display (High School) – **Kaitlyn Bossie/Nicole Hamilton**, Caribou; Career Health Display (Middle School) – **Vanessa Cousins**, So di mo cha; CPR/First Aid – **Amber**



Kaitlyn M. Bossie
Maine HOSA President, 03-04

Toothacker/Noreen Wyman, Bath Technical Center; Dental Spelling – **Robyn Dymont**, St. John Valley; Extemporaneous Health Poster – **Jenna Elliott**, PATHS; First Aid/Rescue Breathing – **Nicole Sesona**, Tri County; HOSA Bowl – **Nicole Bechard/Jessica Fournier/Amy Bellefleur/Curtis Roy**, St. John Valley; Interviewing Skills – **Sean Finson**, Region 3 – Millinocket; Job Seeking Skills – **Kaitlyn Bossie**, Caribou; Medical Assistant – Clinical – **Jennifer Constantine**, Bath; Medical Spelling – **Ashley Robinson**, Bath; National Recognition – **Thomas Selby**, Westbrook; Newsletter – Tri County; Nursing Assistant – **Krissy Wyman**, Bath; Outstanding HOSA Chapter – **Brandy Disley**, Tri County; Outstanding HOSA Member – **Thomas Selby**, Westbrook; Personal Care – **Hilary Corbeau**, West-



brook; Physical Therapy – **Robyn Dymont**, St. John Valley; Prepared Speaking – **Nancy Reynolds**, Westbrook.

First place winners for State events are: Chapter Banner – **Tri County**; Chapter Name-tag – **PATHS – Related Health**; Prepared Poster – **Foster Tech**, Farmington.

A full list of winners can be found at www.schoolswork.org.



SkillsUSA/VICA

On March 11 and 12, United Technologies Center (UTC) in Bangor hosted the 2004 Maine SkillsUSA/VICA competitions.

Gold medal winners are:

Action Skills – **Kyle Guerette**, St. John Valley; Advertising Design – **John Stanley**, Mid-Coast; Architectural Drafting – **Jason Willoughby**, Westbrook; Auto Service Technology (PS) – **Kenneth Boehmer**, Washington County; Auto Service Technology (S) – **Donald Baker**, Han-

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cock County; Basic Health Care – **Dustin Hanscom**, Region III; Cabinet Making (PS) – **Travis Johnson**, EMCC; Cabinet Making (S) – **Mike Lane**, Mid-Maine; Carpentry (PS) – **Robert Carter**, EMCC; Carpentry (S) – **Ben Bishop**, Tri-County; Chapter Display – **Team** from Hancock County; Collision Repair – **Corinne Getchell**, UTC; Commercial Baking (PS) – **David Buchanan**, EMCC; Commercial Baking (S) – **Heidi Pomerleau**, Tri-County; Computer Maintenance Technology (PS) – **Justin Cook**, EMCC; Computer Maintenance Technology (S) – **Sean Clark**, Region III; Courtesy Corps – **Brian Michaud**, Lewiston; CPR/First Aid – **Nicole Prescott**, Capital Area; Criminal Justice – **Jerod Kronholm**, Waldo County; Culinary Arts (PS) – **Kristen Giroux**, EMCC; Culinary Arts (S) – **Nate Nichols**, Capital Area; Customer Service – **Meghan Muth**, UTC; Diesel Equipment – **Maurice Gray**, UTC; Electronics Technology – **Todd Perreault**, Lewiston; Extemporaneous Speaking (PS) – **Sheldon Guerrette**, Penobscot Job Corps; Extemporaneous Speaking (S) – **Anna E.**



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Ouellette, St. John Valley; Food & Beverage Service (PS) – **Cheryl Torrey**, EMCC; Food & Beverage Service (S) – **Misty Rayout**, UTC; Graphic Communication – **Sarah Pettengill**, Capital Area; Health Knowledge – **Team** from Region III; Heating – **Travis Smith**, UTC; Internetworking – **Bryan Donlan**, Sanford; Job Interview (PS) – **Nick Tedford**, Washington County; Job Interview (S) – **Anna VandenBosch**, Capital Area; Job Skill Demo A (PS) – **Lisa Lane**, Penobscot Job Corps; Job Skill Demo A (S) – **Tyler J. Saucier**, St. John Valley; Job Skill Demo B (PS) – **Shawn Hebert**, Washington County; Job Skill Demo B (S) – **Bradley A. Michaud**, St. John Valley; Masonry – **Franklen McCullough**, Caribou; Medical Assisting (PS) – **Madeleine Farnen**, Washington County; Motorcycle Service Technology – **Craig Knowlton**, Mid-Coast; Nurse Assisting – **Ashley Williams**, Tri-County; Open & Closing Ceremonies – **Team** from Capital Area; Photography – **Jenn Lohr**, Region 10; Pin Contest – **Bethany Brown**, Foster Tech; Plumbing – **Nick Trimm**, UTC; Power Equipment Technology – **Korey Grant**, UTC;

Precision Machining Technology (PS) – **Mark White**, EMCC; Precision Machining Technology (S) – **Matt Pelotte**, Mid-Maine; Prepared Speech – **Tracie Crommett**, Capital Area; Preschool Teaching Assistant – **Jenny Bragg**, Mid-Maine; Promo Bulletin Board (PS) – **Iman Morris**, Penobscot Job Corps; Promo Bulletin Board (S) – **Team** from Tri-County Tech; Quiz Bowl – **Team** from Mid-Maine; Related Technical Math (PS) – **Alvin Wescott**, EMCC; Related Technical Math (S) – **Erik Bellandi**, Mid-Maine; Residential Wiring (PS) – **Jeremy Gifford**, Washington County; Residential Wiring (S) – **Anthony Lancisi**, UTC; Robot/Automation – **Team** from UTC; Tech Prep Showcase – **Team** from Caribou; Technical Computer Applications (PS) – **Mark Calivas**, Penobscot Job Corps; Technical Computer Applications (S) – **Nate Johnson**, Tri-County; Technical Drafting – **Craig Barter**, Lake Region; T-Shirt Contest – **Justin Rockwell**, Caribou; TV Video Production – **Team** from Caribou; Web Design – **Team** from UTC; Welding (PS) – **Mark Pantalone**, Penobscot Job Corps; Welding (S) – **Chris Bouchard**, St. John Valley.

See www.schoolswork.org for a complete list of gold, silver and bronze medalists.

David Hartley of Northern Penobscot Tech/Region III was recently named the American Welding Society's Educator of the Year for District 1.



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"It is not our task to propagate technology but to help students to learn." -- Borje Holmberg, when asked about whether or not to use newer forms of educational technology

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Web Sites Worth a Look

www.schoolswork.org

Need an email address or phone number for someone on the CTE team? You'll find it here along with contact information for the CTE schools and regions in Maine and links to forms, Perkins documents and "much, much more".

www.crcom.org

Looking to improve programs without major increases in costs? Check out what the Curriculum Resource Center of Maine has to offer. It is a lending library of curriculum guides, course devel-

opment resources, instructional videos and other high quality teaching materials with a focus toward technical and career education.

govbenefits.gov

This is the official government benefits website. It is a FREE, confidential tool that helps you find government benefits you may be eligible to receive. Includes information on student loans and grants, work-study and internship programs and home purchase loans.

www.womentechworld.org

This site is billed as "The National on-line home for women technicians to connect with each other". If you need real-life stories to encourage young women to join your technical classes or to consider careers involving math and science, this is the place to find them.

